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In re Application of
Brian Alan Grove, et al.
Application No. 10/749,431
Filed: December 30, 2003
Attorney Docket No. 2043.101US1

ON PETITION

This is a decision in response to the petition, filed October 8, 2008, to revive the above-identified application under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b).

The petition is **GRANTED**.

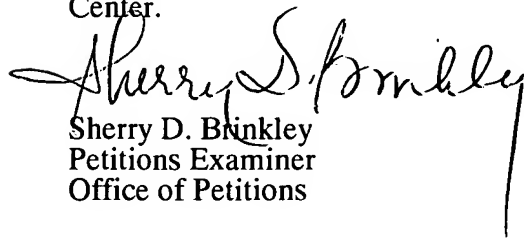
The application became abandoned for failure to reply in a timely manner to the non-final Office action mailed November 8, 2007, which set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months. No extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) was obtained. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on February 9, 2008. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on August 8, 2008. On October 8, 2008, the present petition was filed.

The petition satisfies the conditions for revival pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.137(b) in that petitioner has supplied (1) the reply in the form of an amendment; (2) the petition fee of \$1,620; and (3) an adequate statement of unintentional delay.

An extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 must be filed prior to the expiration of the maximum extendable period for reply. *See In re Application of S.*, 8 USPQ2d 1630, 1631 (Comm'r Pats. 1988). Since the \$1,110 extension of time fee submitted with the petition on October 8, 2008 was subsequent to the maximum extendable period for reply, this fee is unnecessary and will be credited to petitioner's deposit account.

The application is being referred to Technology Center AU 3625 for appropriate action by the Examiner in the normal course of business on the amendment received October 8, 2008.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3204. Inquiries relating to further prosecution should be directed to the Technology Center.


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